

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 283
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Horace E. Jones of
Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Horace Jones; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Horace Jones served with acumen and alacrity as a machinist for the International Harvester Company, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he was also instrumental in forming an employee union and establishing a credit union for International Harvest Company employees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones served with distinction in World War II as one of those great Americans who earned the rightful designation of the "greatest generation"; and

WHEREAS, as a veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Jones served his country by protecting the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of the Somerville Church of Christ, Mr. Jones faithfully served his congregation and community for many years; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected citizen of the Somerville community, Horace Jones was the very epitome of a good neighbor, as he always endeavored to treat others as he would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Jones served as an alderman, a fire commissioner, a volunteer fireman, and a volunteer policeman in Bartlett prior to moving to

Somerville; he also served as a volunteer deputy for the Shelby County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, committed to service, Horace Jones was the Boy Scout Leader for Troop #255, a member of the Optimist Civic Club, and a youth basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Jones always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Horace Jones was preceded in death by his parents Grady Ezard and Tommy Lee Jones and is survived by his loving wife, Frances; his daughter, Celia J. Chastain, two sons, Horace Jones, Jr. and Steven T. Jones; his sister, Virginia Alene Flanagan; four grandchildren, Peter J. Brazelton, Zachary Dillard Brazelton, Cody Jones, and Cheyanne Jones; and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Horace E. Jones, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Jones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.